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GAS SERVICES DIVISION**

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Final Order issued in Gas Utilities Docket No. 9372: Application of Odoreyes Technologies, Inc. Dated January 30, 2003 Pursuant to Commission Rule 7.71.

Final Order issued in Gas Utilities Docket No. 9373: Applications of Welker Engineering, Co. Dated January 30, 2003 Pursuant to Commission Rule 7.71.

SECTION 1**NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED**

DOCKET NO. -- 9388
CAPTION -- Commission Consideration and Approval of Solutia, Inc.'s Direct Assessment Methodology for Compliance with Section 8.101.
DATE FILED -- 05/01/2003
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER -- Mary McDaniel

DOCKET NO. -- 9389
CAPTION -- Application of Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline, L.P. for review of the purchase of a pipeline system from ONEOK Transmission Company.
DATE FILED -- 05/02/2003
FILED BY -- Lee Baskin
EXAMINER -- Mark Brock

CASES REFERRED TO SOAH

DOCKET NO. -- 9291
CAPTION -- Request of Texas General Land Office for immediate action to stay abandonment and for establishment of transportation rate on Panther Pipeline, LTD.
DATE REFERRED TO SOAH -- 06/28/2002
SOAH DOCKET NO. -- 455-02-3446
SOAH ALJ -- Wendy Harvel

DOCKET NO. -- 9313
CAPTION -- Petition for review of TXU Gas Distribution from the actions of the City of Arlington, et al.
DATE REFERRED TO SOAH -- 08/21/2002
SOAH DOCKET NO. -- 455-02-4058
SOAH ALJ -- Kerry Sullivan

SECTION 2**APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

None at this time.

SECTION 3**STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

None at this time.

SECTION 4**NOTICES OF DISMISSAL**

None at this time.

SECTION 5
ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

APPLICATIONS OF ODOREYES TECHNOLOGIES, INC. DATED JANUARY 30, 2003 PURSUANT TO COMMISSION RULE 7.71	§ § § §	GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9372
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ORDER

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time period provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551, *et seq* (Vernon 1994 and Supp. 2003). The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and orders as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. OdorEyes Technologies, Inc., (Applicant) is a commercial manufacturer of odorization equipment.
2. Pursuant to 16 TEX. ADMIN CODE § 7.71 (d)(1) (West 2002), Applicant has applied to the Pipeline Safety Section of the Gas Services Division for approval of name change for two of its standardized models and designs for its Millennium Series One Pulse Gas Odorizer Systems and Millennium Series Two Pulse Gas Odorizer Systems, commercially manufactured by-pass odorizer equipment used in the odorization of gas.
3. Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 7.71 (d)(4) (West 2002), Applicant was previously approved for its standardized models and designs for its Millennium Series One Pulse Gas Odorizer Systems and Millennium Series Two Pulse Gas Odorizer Systems in Gas Utilities Docket Number 9165.
4. An engineer with the Pipeline Safety Section of the Commission has reviewed the Applications for the name change of the odorization equipment, has found the name change acceptable and has recommended approval of the applications.
5. It is reasonable to approve Applicant's request for name change approval of its Millennium Series One Pulse Gas Odorizer Systems to OdorEyes ECO AT and Millennium Series Two Pulse Gas Odorizer Systems to OdorEyes ECO BU.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has original jurisdiction to consider Applicant's applications pursuant to TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§ 121.251, 121.252 (Vernon 1998).
2. Commission approval of manufactured equipment for introducing malodorant into gas is necessary pursuant to TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§ 121.251, 121.252 (Vernon 1998) and 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §7.71 (West 2002).
3. The Commission concludes, based on the evidence and the above findings, that all requirements specified in TEX. ADMIN. CODE §7.71 (d)(1) (West 2002) and TEX. ADMIN. CODE §7.71 (d)(4) (West 2002) for approval of the name change of Applicant's Millennium Series One Pulse Gas Odorizer Systems to OdorEyes ECO AT and Millennium Series Two Pulse Gas Odorizer Systems to OdorEyes ECO BU have been met.
4. All other relief not expressly granted herein is denied.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 6th day of May, 2003

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

/s/ Michael L. Williams

MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN

/s/ Charles R. Matthews

CHARLES R. MATTHEWS
COMMISSIONER

/s/ Victor G. Carrillo

VICTOR G. CARRILLO
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST

/s/ Kim Williamson

SECRETARY

**APPLICATIONS OF WELKER
ENGINEERING, CO. DATED JANUARY 30,
2003 PURSUANT TO COMMISSION RULE
7.71**

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GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9373

ORDER

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time period provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551, *et seq* (Vernon 1994 and Supp. 2003). The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and orders as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Welker Engineering Company, (Applicant) is a commercial manufacturer of odorization equipment.
2. Pursuant to 16 TEX. ADMIN CODE § 7.71 (d)(1) (West 2002), Applicant has applied to the Pipeline Safety Section of the Gas Services Division for approval of its standardized models and designs for its BIP Series, Bellows Injection Pump, Model Numbers: BIP - 4A, BIP - 4B, BIP - 4C, BIP - 3, BIP - 2, and BIP -1, commercially manufactured by-pass odorizer equipment used in the odorization of gas.
3. Applicant submitted plans and specifications to the Pipeline Safety Section for review.
4. An engineer with the Pipeline Safety Section of the Commission has reviewed the plans and specifications for the odorization equipment, has found the equipment design adequate for use in the odorization of gas, and has recommended approval of the applications.
5. It is reasonable to approve Applicant=s request for approval of its BIP Series, Bellows Injection Pump, Model Numbers: BIP - 4A, BIP - 4B, BIP - 4C, BIP - 3, BIP - 2, and BIP -1.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has original jurisdiction to consider Applicant's applications pursuant to TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§ 121.251, 121.252 (Vernon 1998).
2. Commission approval of manufactured equipment for introducing malodorant into gas is necessary pursuant to TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§ 121.251, 121.252 (Vernon 1998) and 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §7.71 (West 2002).
3. The Commission concludes, based on the evidence and the above findings, that all requirements specified in TEX. ADMIN. CODE §7.71 (d)(1) (West 2002) for approval of Applicant's BIP Series, Bellows Injection Pump, Model Numbers: BIP - 4A, BIP - 4B, BIP - 4C, BIP - 3, BIP - 2, and BIP -1, have been met.

All other relief not expressly granted herein is denied.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 6th day of May, 2003

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

/s/ Michael L. Williams
MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS
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CHARLES R. MATTHEWS
COMMISSIONER

/s/ Victor G. Carrillo
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ATTEST

/s/ Kim Williamson
SECRETARY

SECTION 6
MISCELLANEOUS

STEVE PITNER, GAS SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR

1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

A. Publications

1. Texas Utilities Code Titles 3 and 4. Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules - \$15.00
2. a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – Now available via the Commission’s website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents01.html>
a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000 - \$17.00 (includes statistical data for 1999)
b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999 - \$9.00 (includes statistical data for 1998)
c. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1998 - \$7.00 (includes statistical data for 1997)
3. **2002 Pipeline Safety Rules - \$13.00, includes: 49 CFR 191 & 192 and 16 TAC Sections 7.70-7.74 (gas) 49 CFR 193 (LNG); 49 CFR 195 and 16 TAC Sections 7.80-7.87 (hazardous liquids); 49 CFR 40 and 199 (drug testing).**
4. Distribution and/or Gas Transmission Review forms for Adequacy of Operation, Maintenance and Emergency Manual - To obtain a copy of review forms at no charge, send a request with a self addressed envelope (10" x 13"preferably) with \$0.98 postage.
5. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - \$2.00 – Now available via the Commission’s website at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/sixmcf.html>

Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of any of the publications or maps listed in Section A should contact the Gas Services Division, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, (512) 463-7167.

B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits

We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2003 is 6.00%. All gas utilities should use this rate.

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B. Monthly Summary (January)

No. of distribution safety evaluations – 59

No. of transmission safety evaluations - 70

No. of liquid safety evaluations - 39

No. of leak/calls - 52

No. of accident investigations - 6

No. of special investigations – 15

C. Reporting of Pipeline Accidents1) NATURAL GAS

Accidents on intrastate gas systems involving \$5,000 property damage, a fatality or injuries, gas ignition, or that are judged significant must be reported by telephone within two hours, and the written report filed within thirty (30) days. Call the 24-hour emergency phone number (512)463-6788 to report an accident. For your convenience this priority phone line is used only to report emergencies.

2) HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS

Accidents on intrastate hazardous liquid pipelines reportable under 49 CFR Sections 195.50 and 195.52 and 16 TAC Section 7.84(a) must be reported by telephone within two hours and the required written report filed within thirty (30) days. Call the 24-hour emergency phone number (512)463-6788 to report an accident. For your convenience this priority phone line is used only to report emergencies.

FERC Rules and Regulations:

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[Proposed Rules]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 193

[Docket No. RSPA-03-14456; Notice 1]

RIN 2137-AD80

Pipeline Safety: Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities: Clarifying and Updating Safety Standards

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to clarify application of RSPA's safety standards for operation, maintenance, and fire protection of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities to certain existing facilities. In addition, this notice proposes to revise standards that contain incorrect cross-references, clarify training standards, and require annual reviews of plans and procedures. This notice also proposes to update present references to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 59A standard to the 2001 edition of that standard. These actions are needed to remove ambiguities, assure that plans and procedures are up-to-date, and modernize present references to NFPA 59A. The changes would improve the clarity and effectiveness of RSPA's LNG facility safety standards.

DATES: Persons interested in submitting written comments on the rules proposed in this notice must do so by June 30, 2003. Late filed comments will be considered so far as practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mailing or delivering an original and two copies to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The Dockets Facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays when the facility is closed. Alternatively, you may submit written comments to the docket electronically at the following Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. All written comments should identify the docket and notice numbers stated in the heading of this notice. Anyone who wants confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. To file written comments electronically, after logging on to <http://dms.dot.gov>, click on "Comment/Submissions." You can also read comments and other material in the docket at <http://dms.dot.gov>. General information about our pipeline safety program is available at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (volume 65, number 70; pages 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L. M. Furrow by phone at 202-366-4559, by fax at 202-366-4566, by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590, or by e-mail at buck.furrow@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicability

In the Federal Register of March 1, 2000 (65 FR 10950), RSPA published a final rule amending the safety standards in 49 CFR part 193 that govern liquefied natural gas facilities used in gas pipeline transportation. The final rule, which took effect March 31, 2000, replaced many existing standards on siting, design, construction, equipment,

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and fire protection with references to a consensus standard, NFPA 59A, "Standard for the Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)" (1996 edition). However, as explained below, an amendment to Sec. 193.2005, Applicability, inadvertently made the application of part 193 to existing LNG facilities unclear.

Before the final rule took effect, former Sec. 193.2005(a)(1) \1\ exempted LNG facilities existing or under construction from any new or amended standards on siting, design, installation, or construction of LNG facilities. This exemption included standards in subpart B--Siting, subpart C--Design, subpart D--Construction, and subpart E--Equipment. In contrast, part 193 did not exempt LNG facilities existing or under construction from new or amended standards on operation or maintenance, including standards in subpart F--Operations, subpart G--Maintenance, subpart H--Personnel Qualifications and Training, subpart I--Fire Protection, and subpart J--Security. Applying these standards retroactively to existing facilities is consistent with the Congressional authorization to regulate the safe operation and maintenance of LNG facilities (49 U.S.C. 60103(d)).

\1\ Sec. 193.2005 Applicability. (a) New or amended standards in this part governing the siting, design, installation, or construction of an LNG facility and related personnel qualifications and training do not apply to: (1) LNG facilities under construction before the date such standards are published; or * * * (49 CFR 193.2005 (1999)).

However, as revised by the final rule, present Sec. 193.2005(a) \2\ can be interpreted to exclude LNG facilities existing on March 31, 2000, from changes the final rule made to standards on operations, maintenance, and fire protection of LNG facilities. These changes affected Sec. 193.2521, 193.2619(c), 193.2639(a) and subpart I--Fire Protection. Yet no such exclusion was intended. Although the preamble discussion of Sec. 193.2005 indicated that "new requirements" would not apply to existing LNG facilities,\3\ the new requirements we intended were requirements on siting, design, installation, and construction of LNG facilities. Given our long-standing regulatory policy that part 193 operation, maintenance, and fire protection standards apply to all regulated LNG facilities, if we had intended to exclude certain facilities from these standards, we would have explained this change in policy. Neither the final rule nor the underlying notice of proposed rulemaking (63 FR 70735; Dec. 22, 1998) contains such an explanation.

\2\ Sec. 193.2005 Applicability. (a) Safety requirements mandating compliance with standard ANSI/NFPA 59A and other changes in this part governing siting, design, construction, equipment, fire protection, operation and maintenance apply to LNG facilities placed in service after March 31, 2000, unless otherwise noted. (49 CFR 2005 (2001)).

\3\ The final rule states: "This section 193.2005 has been restructured to clarify that new requirements apply to new and significantly altered LNG facilities after the effective date of this rule unless otherwise noted." (65 FR 109502).

Therefore, we are proposing to revise present Sec. 193.2005(a) as set forth below. The revision would clarify that LNG facilities existing or under construction are exempt only from new or amended standards on siting, design, installation, and construction of LNG facilities. We also intend this revision to clarify that Sec. Sec. 193.2521, 193.2619(c), 193.2639(a) and subpart I--Fire Protection apply to LNG facilities existing or under construction on March 31, 2000.

Cross-references

Part 193 contains several sections with cross-references to sections in subpart I that were removed by the final rule published March 1, 2000. To correct this problem, we are proposing the following amendments:

Section 193.2503(h) requires that operating procedures provide for compliance with Sec. 193.2805(b). However, Sec. 193.2805(b) no longer exists. It concerned fire prevention procedures that are no longer required by part 193. So Sec. 193.2503(h) would be removed.

Section 193.2507 requires that operators monitor buildings determined under Sec. 193.2805(a)(2) in which a hazard to persons or property could exist to detect fire or any malfunction or flammable fluid that could cause a hazardous condition. Section 193.2805(a)(2), which was removed by the final rule, required operators to determine areas, as described in section 500-5 of NFPA 70 (1996 edition), where the potential exists for presence of flammable fluids. Although the cross-reference to Sec. 193.2805(a)(2) would be removed from Sec. 193.2507, operators would still have to monitor buildings in which a hazard to persons or property could exist. Operators could use the previously referenced NFPA 70 as a compliance guide.

Section 193.2509(b) requires operators to follow procedures in handling fire emergencies identified under Sec. 193.2817(a). Section 193.2817(a), which no longer exists, required that operators determine the types and sizes of fires that could occur in or near an LNG plant and affect the safety of plant components. Although the reference to Sec. 193.2817(a) would be removed, operators would still have to follow procedures in handling fire emergencies.

Section 193.2605(b)(2) requires that maintenance procedures describe actions needed to comply with Sec. 193.2805. Section 193.2805 no longer exists. It concerned fire prevention plans that are not now required by part 193. So the cross-reference to Sec. 193.2805 would be removed.

Section 193.2705(b) requires operators to determine periodically if inspectors are satisfactorily performing their duties assigned under Sec. 193.2307. This section, which required certain inspections of construction, installation, and testing activities, was removed by the final rule as no longer necessary in view of inspection duties under NFPA 59A. Although the cross-reference to Sec. 193.2307 would be removed, operators would still have to determine if construction, installation, and testing activities are being satisfactorily inspected.

Section 193.2717(a) requires operators to train their operating and maintenance personnel in various fire protection standards in subpart I that no longer exist: [sbull] Paragraph (a)(1) requires training in fire prevention procedures under Sec. 193.2805(b). Since part 193 no longer requires these procedures, paragraph (a)(1) would be removed.

[sbull] In paragraph (a)(2), the cross-reference to Sec. 193.2805(a) would be removed, but operators would still have to train personnel to know the potential causes and areas of fire. [sbull] In paragraph (a)(3), the cross-reference to Sec. 193.2817(a) would be removed, but operators would still have to train personnel to know the types, sizes, and predictable consequences of fire. [sbull] In paragraph (a)(4), the cross-reference to "equipment provided under Sec. 193.2817" would be replaced by "equipment provided under Sec. 193.2801."

Plans and Procedures

Part 193 requires operators to prepare and follow written plans and procedures for various LNG plant activities. For example, plans are required for personnel health (Sec. 193.2711) and training (Sec. Sec. 193.2713-193.2719), and procedures are required for operations (Sec. 193.2503), emergencies (Sec. 193.2509(b)), fluid transfers (Sec. 193.2513(a)), maintenance (Sec. 193.2605(b)), and security (Sec. 193.2903).

Under Sec. 193.2017 operators must make their plans and procedures available for review by federal and state inspectors. Reviews by RSPA personnel

have disclosed that while operators generally keep their plans and procedures up-to-date, not all plans and procedures are kept up-to-date. And outmoded plans and procedures can be a source of safety problems.

Our standards in 49 CFR part 192, which apply to gas pipelines serving LNG plants, address this potential safety problem by requiring operators to review and update their pipeline operating and maintenance procedures at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year (Sec. 192.605(a)). We think a similar requirement should apply to plans and procedures for LNG plants. Therefore, we are proposing to establish a new Sec. 193.2017(c) to require annual reviews and updates of plans and procedures required by part 193.

Fire Drills

Section 193.2717 requires operators of LNG plants to train their operations and maintenance personnel in fire protection. The training must include "plant fire drills." To meet this fire drill requirement, some operators use only tabletop exercises. We believe the exclusive use of such exercises is inconsistent with the ordinary meaning of "fire drill," because tabletop exercises do not involve actual evacuation of buildings and performance of fire control duties. Therefore, to insure that proper fire drills are conducted, we are proposing to amend Sec. 193.2717 to require that fire drills include evacuation of buildings and personnel performing fire control duties.

See proposed Sec. 193.2717(c) below.

NFPA 59A

At present, many sections in part 193 concerning siting, design, construction, equipment, fire protection, and operating and maintenance records incorporate by reference the 1996 edition of NFPA 59A, "Standard for the Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)." However, the 1996 edition of the standard is now out-of-date and is no longer available in book form from NFPA. The latest edition, the 2001 edition, is available from NFPA either in book or electronic form by entering "59A" in the search block at <http://www.nfpa.org/catalog>

There are several significant differences between the 1996 and 2001 editions. The 2001 edition:

1. Bases design on the concept of a maximum credible earthquake, in line with building codes used throughout country.
2. Allows use of the FEM3A model to calculate vapor dispersion distances. (Part 193 already allows use of this model).
3. Increases the frequency of inspecting and testing LNG tank relief valves.
4. Enhances chapter 10 requirements for plants with less than 300,000 gallons of storage. (We are not now proposing to incorporate chapter 10 by reference in part 193.)
5. Establishes operations and maintenance requirements. (We are not now proposing to incorporate these new requirements by reference in part 193.)
6. Adds appendices containing part 193 training and security standards.

We have considered the differences between the 1996 and 2001 editions of NFPA 59A and believe it is in the interest of LNG facility safety to amend Part 193 to reference the 2001 edition instead of the 1996 edition. This update would be accomplished by changing Appendix A to part 193 as set forth below. In addition, the specific reference to the 1996 edition in Sec. 193.2019(a) would be replaced by a general reference to NFPA 59A. As indicated by Sec. 193.2013(a), any general reference to NFPA 59A refers to the latest edition listed in Appendix A.

Regulatory Analyses and Notices

Executive Order 12866 and DOT Policies and Procedures

RSPA does not consider this proposed rulemaking to be a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735; Oct. 4, 1993). Therefore, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has not received a copy of this rulemaking to review. RSPA also does not consider this proposed rulemaking to be significant under DOT regulatory policies and procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979).

We prepared a Draft Regulatory Evaluation of the proposed rules and a copy is in the docket. The evaluation concludes there should be only minimal additional cost, if any, for operators to comply with the proposed rules. If you disagree with this conclusion, please provide information to the public docket described above.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), RSPA must consider whether a rulemaking would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The proposed rules are consistent with customary practices in the gas pipeline industry. Therefore, based on the facts available about the anticipated impacts of this proposed rulemaking, I certify that this proposed rulemaking would not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. If you have any information that this conclusion about the impact on small entities is not correct, please provide that information to the public docket described above.

Executive Order 13175

The proposed rules have been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13084, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments." Because the proposed rules would not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of the Indian tribal governments and would not impose substantial direct compliance costs, the funding and consultation requirements of Executive Order 13084 do not apply.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Title: Recordkeeping for LNG Facilities.

Summary: Section 193.2017(c) proposes to add a minor information collection requirement to already existing information collection requirements. Operators would be required to review and update the plans and procedures required by part 193 at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year. However, we believe most operators routinely carry out reviews and updates during the course of executing their plans and procedures. So we believe the burden of complying with the proposed review-and-update requirement would be minimal. Because the additional paperwork burden of this proposed rule is likely to be minimal, we believe that submitting an analysis of the burdens to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act is unnecessary. If you disagree with this conclusion, please submit your comments to the public docket.

Use: Records are kept to facilitate personnel training and other LNG plant activities.

Respondents (including the number of): There are 150 gas pipeline operators.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0048.

Average burden estimate per operator: 126.7 hours per year.

Annual Burden Estimate: 19,000 hours per year.

Frequency: Annual.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This proposed rulemaking would not impose unfunded mandates under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. It would not result in costs of \$100 million or more to either State,

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local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector, and would be the least burdensome alternative that achieves the objective of the rule.

National Environmental Policy Act

We have analyzed the proposed rules for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). Because the proposed rules parallel present requirements or practices, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed rules would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. An environmental assessment document is available for review in the docket. A final determination on environmental impact will be made after the end of the comment period. If you disagree with our preliminary conclusion, please submit your comments to the docket as described above.

Executive Order 13132

The proposed rules have been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132 ("Federalism"). The proposed rules do not propose any regulation that (1) has substantial direct effects on the States, the relationship

between the national government and the States, or the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government; (2) imposes substantial direct compliance costs on State and local governments; or (3) preempts State law. Therefore, the consultation and funding requirements of Executive Order 13132 do not apply.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 193

Pipeline safety, Fire prevention, Security measures, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, we are proposing the following amendments to 49 CFR part 193:

1. The authority citation for part 193 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5103, 60102, 60103, 60111, 60118 and 49 CFR 1.53.

2. Revise Sec. 193.2005(a) to read as follows:

Sec. 193.2005 Applicability.

(a) Standards in this part governing siting, design, installation, or construction of LNG facilities do not apply to LNG facilities existing or under construction before the date such standards take effect under this part.

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3. Add Sec. 193.2017(c) to read as follows:

Sec. 193.2017 Plans and procedures.

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(c) Each operator must review and update the plans and procedures required by this part at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year.

4. Remove the parenthetical expression ``(1996 edition)'' from Sec. 193.2019(a).

5. Amend Sec. 193.2503 as follows:

- a. In paragraph (e), remove the semicolon and add a period in its place;
 - b. In paragraph (g), remove the semicolon and the word ``and'' and add a period in the place of the removed semicolon; and
 - c. Remove paragraph (h).
6. Revise the first sentence of Sec. 193.2507 to read as follow:

Sec. 193.2507 Monitoring operations.

Each component in operation or building in which a hazard to persons or property could exist must be monitored to detect fire or any malfunction or flammable fluid that could cause a hazardous condition.

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7. Revise the first sentence of Sec. 193.2509(b) introductory text to read as follows:

Sec. 193.2509 Emergency procedures.

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(b) To adequately handle each type of emergency identified under paragraph (a) of this section and each fire emergency, each operator shall follow one or more manuals of written procedures. * * *

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8. Revise Sec. 193.2605(b)(2) to read as follows:

Sec. 193.2605 Maintenance procedures.

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(b) * * *

- (2) A description of other actions necessary to maintain the LNG plant in accordance with the requirements of this subpart.

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9. Revise Sec. 193.2705(b) to read as follows:

Sec. 193.2705 Construction, installation, inspection, and testing.

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(b) Each operator must periodically determine whether inspectors performing construction, installation, and testing duties required by this part are satisfactorily performing their assigned functions.

10. In Sec. 193.2717, revise paragraph (a) and add paragraph (c) to read as follows:

Sec. 193.2717 Training: fire protection.

(a) All personnel involved in maintenance and operations of an LNG plant, including their immediate supervisors, must be trained in accordance with a written plan of initial instruction, including plant fire drills, to:

(1) Know the potential causes and areas of fire;

(2) Know the types, sizes, and predictable consequences of fire; and

(3) Know and be able to perform their assigned fire control duties according to the procedures established under Sec. 193.2509 and by proper use of equipment provided under Sec. 193.2801.

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(c) Plant fire drills must include--

(1) Evacuation of buildings; and

(2) Personnel performing fire control duties.

11. In section II. E. 1. of Appendix A to Part 193, remove the parenthetical expression ``(1996 edition)" and add the parenthetical expression ``(2001 edition)" in its place.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 25, 2003.

Stacey Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Current List of Laboratories Which Meet Minimum Standards To Engage in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services notifies Federal agencies of the laboratories currently certified to meet standards of Subpart C of Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (59 FR 29916, 29925). A notice listing all currently certified laboratories is published in the Federal Register during the first week of each month. If any laboratory's certification is suspended or revoked, the laboratory will be omitted from subsequent lists until such time as it is restored to full certification under the Guidelines.

If any laboratory has withdrawn from the National Laboratory Certification Program during the past month, it will be listed at the end, and will be omitted from the monthly listing thereafter.

This notice is also available on the internet at the following Web sites: <http://workplace.samhsa.gov> and <http://www.drugfreeworkplace.gov>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Giselle Hersh or Dr. Walter Vogl, Division of Workplace Programs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall 2 Building, Room 815, Rockville, Maryland 20857; Tel.: (301) 443-6014, Fax: (301) 443-3031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing were developed in accordance with Executive Order 12564 and section 503 of Pub. L. 100-71. Subpart C of the Guidelines, "Certification of Laboratories Engaged in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies," sets strict standards which laboratories must meet in order to conduct urine drug testing for Federal agencies. To become certified an applicant laboratory must undergo three rounds of performance testing plus an on-site inspection.

To maintain that certification a laboratory must participate in a quarterly performance testing program plus periodic, on-site inspections.

Laboratories which claim to be in the applicant stage of certification are not to be considered as meeting the minimum requirements expressed in the HHS Guidelines. A laboratory must have its letter of certification from SAMHSA, HHS (formerly: HHS/NIDA) which attests that it has met minimum standards.

In accordance with Subpart C of the Guidelines, the following laboratories meet the minimum standards set forth in the Guidelines:

ACL Laboratories, 8901 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227, 414-328-7840/800-877-7016, (Formerly: Bayshore Clinical Laboratory) ACM Medical Laboratory, Inc., 160 Elmgrove Park, Rochester, NY 14624, 585-429-2264

Advanced Toxicology Network, 3560 Air Center Cove, Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38118, 901-794-5770/888-290-1150

Aegis Analytical Laboratories, Inc., 345 Hill Ave., Nashville, TN 37210, 615-255-2400

Alliance Laboratory Services, 3200 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, 513-585-6870, (Formerly: Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati, Inc.)

Associated Pathologists Laboratories, Inc., 4230 South Burnham Ave., Suite 250, Las Vegas, NV 89119-5412, 702-733-7866/800-433-2750

Baptist Medical Center--Toxicology Laboratory, 9601 I-630, Exit 7, Little Rock, AR 72205-7299, 501-202-2783, (Formerly: Forensic

Toxicology Laboratory Baptist Medical Center) Clinical Reference Lab, 8433 Quivira Rd., Lenexa, KS 66215-2802, 800-445-6917
Cox Health Systems, Department of Toxicology, 1423 North Jefferson Ave., Springfield, MO 65802, 800-876-3652/417-269-3093, (Formerly: Cox Medical Centers)
Diagnostic Services Inc., dba DSI, 12700 Westlinks Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913, 239-561-8200/800-735-5416
Doctors Laboratory, Inc., P.O. Box 2658, 2906 Julia Dr., Valdosta, GA 31602, 912-244-4468
DrugProof, Division of Dynacare/Laboratory of Pathology, LLC, 1229 Madison St., Suite 500, Nordstrom Medical Tower, Seattle, WA 98104, 206-386-2661/800-898-0180, (Formerly: Laboratory of Pathology of Seattle, Inc., DrugProof, Division of Laboratory of Pathology of Seattle, Inc.)
DrugScan, Inc., P.O. Box 2969, 1119 Mearns Rd., Warminster, PA 18974, 215-674-9310
Dynacare Kasper Medical Laboratories,* 10150-102 Street, Suite 200, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5J 5E2, 780-451-3702/800-661-9876
ElSohly Laboratories, Inc., 5 Industrial Park Dr., Oxford, MS 38655, 662-236-2609

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Express Analytical Labs, 3405 7th Avenue, Suite 106, Marion, IA 52302, 319-377-0500
Gamma-Dynacare Medical Laboratories,* a Division of the Gamma-Dynacare Laboratory Partnership, 245 Pall Mall St., London, ONT, Canada N6A 1P4, 519-679-1630
General Medical Laboratories, 36 South Brooks St., Madison, WI 53715, 608-267-6225
Kroll Laboratory Specialists, Inc., 1111 Newton St., Gretna, LA 70053, 504-361-8989/800-433-3823, (Formerly: Laboratory Specialists, Inc.)
LabOne, Inc., 10101 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219, 913-888-3927/800-873-8845, (Formerly: Center for Laboratory Services, a Division of LabOne, Inc.)
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 7207 N. Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77040, 713-856-8288/800-800-2387
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 69 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869, 908-526-2400/800-437-4986, (Formerly: Roche Biomedical Laboratories, Inc.)
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 1904 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919-572-6900/800-833-3984, (Formerly: LabCorp Occupational Testing Services, Inc., CompuChem Laboratories, Inc.; CompuChem Laboratories, Inc., A Subsidiary of Roche Biomedical Laboratory; Roche CompuChem Laboratories, Inc., A Member of the Roche Group)
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 10788 Roselle Street, San Diego, CA 92121, 800-882-7272, (Formerly: Poisonlab, Inc.)
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 1120 Stateline Road West, Southaven, MS 38671, 866-827-8042/800-233-6339, (Formerly: LabCorp Occupational Testing Services, Inc., MedExpress/National Laboratory Center)
Marshfield Laboratories, Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, 1000 North Oak Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449, 715-389-3734/800-331-3734
MAXXAM Analytics Inc.,* 5540 McAdam Rd., Mississauga, ON, Canada L4Z 1P1, 905-890-2555, (Formerly: NOVAMANN (Ontario) Inc.)
MedTox Laboratories, Inc., 402 W. County Rd. D, St. Paul, MN 55112, 651-636-7466/800-832-3244
MetroLab-Legacy Laboratory Services, 1225 NE 2nd Ave., Portland, OR 97232, 503-413-5295/800-950-5295
Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, 1 Veterans Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417, 612-725-2088
National Toxicology Laboratories, Inc., 1100 California Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93304, 661-322-4250/800-350-3515
Northwest Drug Testing, a division of NWT Inc., 1141 E. 3900 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84124, 801-293-2300/800-322-3361 (Formerly: NWT Drug Testing, NorthWest Toxicology, Inc.)
One Source Toxicology Laboratory, Inc., 1705 Center Street, Deer Park, TX 77536, 713-920-2559, (Formerly: University of Texas Medical Branch, Clinical Chemistry Division; UTMB Pathology-Toxicology Laboratory)
Oregon Medical Laboratories, P.O. Box 972, 722 East 11th Ave., Eugene, OR 97440-0972, 541-687-2134
Pacific Toxicology Laboratories, 9348 De Soto Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311, 800-328-6942, (Formerly: Centinela Hospital Airport Toxicology Laboratory)
Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories, 110 West Cliff Drive, Spokane, WA 99204, 509-755-8991/800-541-7891 x8991
PharmChem Laboratories, Inc., 4600 N. Beach, Haltom City, TX 76137, 817-605-5300, (Formerly: PharmChem Laboratories, Inc., Texas Division; Harris Medical Laboratory)

Physicians Reference Laboratory, 7800 West 110th St., Overland Park, KS 66210, 913-339-0372/800-821-3627
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 3175 Presidential Dr., Atlanta, GA 30340, 770-452-1590/800-729-6432, (Formerly: SmithKline Beecham
Clinical Laboratories, SmithKline Bio-Science Laboratories)
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 4770 Regent Blvd., Irving, TX 75063
800-824-6152 (Moved from the Dallas location on 03/31/01; Formerly:
SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, SmithKline Bio-Science Laboratories)
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 4230 South Burnham Ave., Suite 250, Las Vegas, NV 89119-5412, 702-733-7866/800-433-2750 (Formerly: Associated Pathologists Laboratories, Inc.)
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 400 Egypt Rd., Norristown, PA 19403, 610-631-4600/877-642-2216 (Formerly: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, SmithKline Bio-Science Laboratories)
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 506 E. State Pkwy., Schaumburg, IL 60173, 800-669-6995/847-885-2010 (Formerly: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, International Toxicology Laboratories)
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 7600 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91405, 818-989-2520/800-877-2520, (Formerly: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories)
Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc., 450 Southlake Blvd., Richmond, VA 23236, 804-378-9130
Sciteck Clinical Laboratories, Inc., 317 Rutledge Road, Fletcher, NC 28732, 828-650-0409
S.E.D. Medical Laboratories, 5601 Office Blvd., Albuquerque, NM 87109, 505-727-6300/800-999-5227
South Bend Medical Foundation, Inc., 530 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601, 574-234-4176 x276
Southwest Laboratories, 2727 W. Baseline Rd., Tempe, AZ 85283, 602-438-8507/800-279-0027
Sparrow Health System, Toxicology Testing Center, St. Lawrence Campus, 1210 W. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48915, 517-377-0520, (Formerly: St. Lawrence Hospital & Healthcare System)
St. Anthony Hospital Toxicology Laboratory, 1000 N. Lee St., Oklahoma City, OK 73101, 405-272-7052
Sure-Test Laboratories, Inc., 2900 Broad Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38112, 901-474-6028
Toxicology & Drug Monitoring Laboratory, University of Missouri Hospital & Clinics, 2703 Clark Lane, Suite B, Lower Level, Columbia, MO 65202, 573-882-1273
Toxicology Testing Service, Inc., 5426 N.W. 79th Ave., Miami, FL 33166, 305-593-2260
U.S. Army Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory, 2490 Wilson

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Street, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-5235, 301-677-3714

* The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) voted to end its Laboratory Accreditation Program for Substance Abuse (LAPSA) effective May 12, 1998. Laboratories certified through that program were accredited to conduct forensic urine drug testing as required by U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. As of that date, the certification of those accredited Canadian laboratories will continue under DOT authority. The responsibility for conducting quarterly performance testing plus periodic on-site inspections of those LAPSA-accredited laboratories was transferred to the U.S. DHHS, with the DHHS' National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) contractor continuing to have an active role in the performance testing and laboratory inspection processes. Other Canadian laboratories wishing to be considered for the NLCP may apply directly to the NLCP contractor just as U.S. laboratories do.

Upon finding a Canadian laboratory to be qualified, the DHHS will recommend that DOT certify the laboratory (Federal Register, July, 16 1996) as meeting the minimum standards of the "Mandatory Guidelines for Workplace Drug Testing" (59 FR 29908-29931, June 9, 1994). After receiving the DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of DHHS certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

Richard Kopanda,
Executive Officer, SAMHSA.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-97-2426]

Pipeline Safety: National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS)

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) will conduct a public meeting to discuss possible improvements in data submissions to the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS). Possible improvements are more detailed pipeline attributes, more accurate pipeline locational data, and delineation of natural gas transmission high consequence areas. The potential for collecting annual report data through data submitted to the NPMS will also be discussed.

DATES: Wednesday, May 28, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public may attend the meeting at Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Ballroom A, Lobby Level, Washington, DC.

An opportunity will be provided for the public to make short statements on the topics under discussion. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should notify Jean Milam, (202) 493-0967, not later than May 19, 2003, on the topic of the statement and the length of the presentation. The presiding officer at each meeting may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any presentation.

You may submit written comments by mail or deliver to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You also may submit written comments to the docket electronically. To do so, log onto the following Internet Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help & Information" for instructions on how to file a document electronically. All written comments should reference docket number RSPA-

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97-2426. Anyone who would like confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the April 11, 2000, issue of the Federal Register (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Jean Milam at (202) 493-0967.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Fischer, OPS, (202) 366-6267 or Richard Huriaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice. Additional information about the NPMS and the "National Pipeline Mapping System Standards for Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Operator Submissions" can be found at <http://www.npms.rspa.dot.gov>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NPMS is a geographic information system database that contains the locations and selected attributes of hazardous liquid and natural gas transmission pipelines, breakout tanks, and liquefied natural gas. The data collected for the NPMS is necessary for regulatory oversight and for monitoring the security of the pipelines. The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2003 required operators to submit data to the NPMS by June 17, 2003. This initial submission is being done in accordance with guidance previously developed for voluntary data submissions to the NPMS.

RSPA/OPS is holding this public meeting to solicit public comments on the potential for improving NPMS data submissions and the potential for collecting certain annual report data elements as submissions to the NPMS.

Improvements being considered include more detailed pipeline attributes, more accurate pipeline locational data, and the identification of natural gas transmission pipeline high consequence areas. The additional data requirements for these improvements may include diameter, maximum operating pressure for hazardous liquid pipelines, and maximum allowable operating pressure for natural gas transmission pipelines.

The current NPMS target locational accuracy goal is +/-500 feet for submitted geospatial data. RSPA/OPS will be soliciting feedback at the meeting regarding the effort required by the pipeline industry to better this target locational accuracy. To date, 15% of the NPMS mileage submitted has an accuracy of +/-50 feet, 46% has an accuracy of +/-50 to 300 feet, 28% has an accuracy of +/-301 to 500 feet, and 11% is either +/-500 feet or unknown.

RSPA/OPS has identified NPMS data requirements that could support RSPA/OPS and State oversight of gas integrity management programs. At the meeting, RSPA/OPS will focus on how natural gas transmission operators delineate high-consequence areas and how that data could be submitted to the NPMS.

Much of the data collected through RSPA/OPS annual reports lends itself to geospatial representation and could be submitted to RSPA/OPS through the NPMS. The meeting will address allowing pipeline operators the option of submitting certain annual report data elements as an NPMS submission in the future.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60109, 60117.

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Stacey L. Gerard,
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
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B. **Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports**

Questions relating to gas utility tax, annual reports and audit reports, call Shannon L. Miller at (512) 463-7022.

C. **Available Information**

Copies of company annual reports (1994 to present), as well as information relating to any of the above, A through C, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Division, 9th Floor, 1701 North Congress. All requests for copies must be made in writing and should be addressed to the Audit Section. Copies will be provided for a fee, depending on the volume of copy work desired, allow a minimum of five days for completion of requests. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022, or Fax your request to (512) 475-3180.

4. **REGULATORY ANALYSIS AND POLICY**

- A. Maintains the following office to assist you:

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B. **Gas Utilities Information Bulletin**

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/rapbls.html>.

C. **Proposals For Decision**

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/pfds.html>.

D. **Tariff Filings**

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Kathy Arroyo, Yolanda Lovelace or Sandra Soto at (512) 463-7164.

E. **Curtailments**

Curtailment questions should be referred to Sandra Soto at (512) 463-7164. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7164. Curtailment reports made during hours other than those specified above and holidays, should be made to (512) 463-6788, (512) 896-3863 (digital pager), (512) 892-1772 or (512) 280-5949.

F. Compliance Filings

Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Jackie Standard at (512) 463-7164.

G. Complaints and Inquiries

All complaints and inquiries relating to the gas utility industry should be directed to the Regulatory Analysis and Policy section at (512) 463-7164.

H. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations:

GUD No. 9221 Amendments to Quality of Service Rules

GUD No. 9253 New Rule for Relocation Cost Recovery Factor

GUD No. 9257 Amendments to §7.450 Gas Distribution in Mobile Home Parks, Apartment Houses and Apartment Units.

GUD No. 9275 Amendments to §7.512 NGPA Section 311 Rate Review

GUD No. 9276 Amendments to §7.511 TUC Section 102.054 Sale, Transfer, Merger Reviews

GUD No. 9277 Amendments to §7.305 Curtailment Rule

GUD No. 9303 Amendments to §7.465 Abandonment Rule

GUD No. 9334 Amendments to §7.310 System of Accounts

5. HEARINGS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**A. Miscellaneous**

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.

B. Status of Pending Cases

The status of all pending cases listed in Section 3 of this Bulletin is for informational purposes only and is complete up to the time of printing of this Bulletin. For a more accurate status of pending cases, please call the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.